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Lords and Commons.

Aporr one-half of the editorial space of all our English exchanges for the past month has been filled up with comments on the recent Parliamentary election and the new Liberal Cabinet. While these comments in the main are inspired by the political bias of the particular journal, we find in some of the Liberal organs frank and manly assaults on the Euglish governmental system as a whole. The Pall Mall Gazette confesses that "England is in many respects one of the worst governed countries in Europe;" but consoles itself immediately after with the reflection that these "are by no means the most important respects, and in some cases their very defects are the result of an exaggerated adherence to principles in themselves sound."

Among the more noticeable points which we encounter is an undisguised contempt for the hereditary nobility of the United Kingdom. The power and influence of this class are slowly waning, although they still maintain the possibility of exercising a controlling influence in the Government by making a bold stand in the House of Lords. In the Parliament which has just expired, the Lords not only constituted one of the coordinate branches, but, as a class, returned one-third of the House of Commons in the persons of their sons, nephews, sons-in-law, and other relatives who had been returned through family influence, while the untitled country squires, who delight to hang about the skirts of the titled aristocracy, swelled the direct numerical influence of the latter in the lower house to near one-half. The last Reform bill upset a number the rotten boroughs, and swelled the ranks of the electors considerably in the sound ones; but the result of the recent elections, as shown by a canvass of the new House of Commons, is but a slight diminution of the strength of the Lords. The House of Commons now consists of 659 members. Of these full 210-only a round dozen less than in the last House-are the near relatives of peers, constituting, as the London Spectator remarks, "almost a third of the House supposed to have been 'reformed.' and past all question the most powerful single interest within it." On this subject the Speciator further says:-

"No doubt all, or nearly all, these men are freely elected by the people, cases like Sutuer-landshire and Caine becoming more rare as the Reformers move steadly to their end; but that only makes the power of the peers more re-markable, and, so to speak, more real. Lord G. Hamilton is twice as important in Middle-sex as he would be if he were seated by his fathers' tenants; for tuough it is possible, as Dumfriesshire has shown, to defeat coercion, it is not possible for any law or regulation to dis-sipate the popular reverence for rank."

The term "people" in this connection must be taken with a qualification. Although the recent Reform bill swept away many abuses and placed the franchise in hands which had not wielded it before, suffrage is still a special privilege of the few as distinguished from the masses. In addition to this there is a gross inequality in the comparative sizes of the constituencies, many of them still ranking as thoroughly "rotten boroughs." The largest borough constituency is that of Glasgow. whose 47,000 electors have three members in the House of Commons. But the case of Hackney gives a still larger number of electors to each member, the latter numbering two only, while the former run up to 40,600. From this proportion-one member to 20,000 electors-there is to be found almost every conceivable degree down to the next thing to nothing, which is represented by the borough of Portarlington, whose 119 electors returned a Tory member the other day by a majority of 17. Until this state of affairs is remedied. all attempts "to dissipate the popular reverence for rank" are likely to prove futile.

Mr. Gladstone's Cabinet is made up of fifteen members, only eight of whom are Com\_ moners, six being peers and one the eldest son of a peer. This last is Lord Hartington, the new Postmaster-General, and as he failed to secure a seat in the House of Commons, it will be necessary to make him a peer in his own right, if he is to be retained in the Cabinet, unless some obliging second-rate Liberal who sits for an uncontested borough shall see fit to retire into private life to give him an entrance into the Commons. According to all reports, the noble side of the new Cabinet is the weakest in point of ability, as well as in that of numbers. Yet the best men among the Liberal peers were selected, not because there were no Commoners more capable, but because the Lords still refuse to repeal certain statutes which ensure them a legal right to two of the Secretaryships of State and other responsible positions, without any regard to their qualifications of head and heart, and because it is indispensable that Mr. Gladstone should have somebody to fight the battles of the Liberal Ministry in the Tory House of Lords.

Yet the great Liberal triumph at the polls was a decided victory in behalf of impartial liberty and true equality, and if the revolution does not take a sudden backward turn the time will soon arrive when the respective influence of Lords and Commons-of high and low-will be regulated, not by hereditary right, but by comparative numbers and comparative manliness.

The Franking Abuses.

THE Hon. W. S. Lincoln, the New York Con. gressman whose frank has recently been affixed to an immense number of the circulars of a New York city publishing concern, appears before the public with an explanation which is entirely satisfactory, as far as he is individually concerned, Mr. Liquola pro-

nounces the printed stamp employed a forgery, and as soon as it was brought to his attention he sent a notice to the New York Post Office, which caused all subsequent packages bearing his name to be retained. From that time it is said that about fifty packages bearing the forged frank were forwarded to him every day, having been dropped in the New York Post Office under the belief that they would reach their destination. The authorities have recently captured the fraudulent stamp, and this particular abuse of the franking privilege is therefore at an end. But this is not the only attempt which has been made of late to forge the printed frank of members of Congress-that of Senator Morgan having also been counterfeited and extensively used by New York and Rastern establishments.

In explanation of a charge brought against the Hon. John Lynck, Representative from Maine, to the effect that his frank was being extensively used by a New York publisher, that gentleman makes a statement that he ordered a large number of copies of a certain journal which had published one of his speeches on the finances, and distributed them over the country from the New York Post Office, under his frank, of course. This was not a very reprehensible proceeding, according to the strictest code of franking morals, for it is a common thing for members of Congress to deluge the country with their financial and other lucubrations. Mr. Lynch is a member of the Post Office Committee of the House, and claims to have always voted in favor of doing away with the franking privilege. But, as the Washington correspondent of the New York Tribune remarks, Mr. Lynch does all that he can to render the system odious as long as it remains lawful. Among the efforts of Mr. Lynch in this particular line we remember having received, a few months ago. under his frank, a large duodecimo volume entitled "The Water Power of Maine," which amounted to nothing more nor less than an advertisement of certain riparian rights which have not yet attained a marketable value. It is all very well for the State of Maine to do what it can to develop its manufacturing interests, but we cannot conceive the justice of requiring the whole country to foot its post-These exposures will tend to bring the

(ranking privilege into still greater disrepute than it now enjoys, and should cause Congress to give the subject immediate attention. If the franking privilege, with all its possible abuses, is not to be abolished, a law should certainly be passed prohibiting the use of stamps in all cases, and requiring members of Congress to take the trouble to write their talismanic names on such mail matter as they desire to scatter over the country. It would, undoubtedly, be best to do away with the system altogether, for it seems that it cannot be used except to be abused. There is but one objection to doing away with the system, and that is the expense that would attend the distribution of legitimate "public documents" issued by the different departments of the Government. Tens of thousands of volumes are yearly sent forth from the Government printing office at Washington which are absolutely worthless: but there are a great many Government publications which are quite valuable and worth the cost of distribution. Congress should also devote a small share of their time to this expensive abuse of the rights of the people, by prohibiting the printing of tons of useless matter. And for the sake of letting the people have, without cost, such documents as they will take the trouble to read when they once possess them, the franking privilege could be bestowed upon the Government printer, to whom the names of persons who are to receive the documents could be furnished by the members of Congress. By thus abolishing the franking privilege, with this one exception, all its gross abuses could be remedied, and the public at the same time would sustain no in-

convenience. The War Cloud in Europe.

THE Eastern Question becomes more and more involved with every passing day, and has now reached a stage that would appear to render war almost unavoidable. The conference of the great powers, which will attempt a peaceful solution of the difficulty, assembles in Paris on Saturday next. If they threaten to enforce their recommendations at the point of the sword, the whole trouble may be safely gotten over, provided there is a perfect accord between them, although the Sultan has refused to participate in the conference unless it is expressly stipulated that the Cretan question shall be excluded. As the Cretan question, however, is the pivot on which the whole difficulty swings, its exclusion will render the conference a ridiculous farce. But the refusal of the Sultan to take part in the conference will amount to little, as the great powers do not always think it necessary to consult him about the affairs of his own kingdom, if England, France, Austria, Prussia, and Russia can be brought into harmonious action. Should the former powers, however, choose to array themselves on the side of the integrity of the Ottoman dominions, in all probability Russia will demur, and by her moral influence render all the efforts of the conference in behalf of peace nugatory. In that event, the present prospects of war will be increased rather than diminished, and before the end is reached, the whole continent may become involved in a gigantic contest.

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The horders of the SIX PER CENT GAS LOAN,
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the same will cease. or JANUARY Bert, ster white the same will cease.

The Trustees are prepared to purchase the Stock of the Germantown, Manayunk, Richmond and Southwark and Moyamensing Gas Companies, if officed to them before as on of the First DAY of JANUARY next, for investments of the sinking funds of said works.

BENJAMIN S. RILEY.

Cashler.

OFFICE OF THE HESTONVILLE,
MACTUA AND FAIRMOUNT PASSENGER RAILWAY CUMPANY.
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 25, 1868.
NOTICE TO STOCK HOLDERS,—The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Company will be held at their Office No. 2582 CALLOW HILL Street, this day, January II, 1869 at 2 o'clock P. M. An Election for a President and five Directors, to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the same place, and on the same day, between the hours of 2 and 4 o'clock P. M.

OFFICE OF THE NORTH PENNSYL-VANIA RAILEO D COMPANY, PHILADRIPHIA, No. 407 Wa'nut street, Decomber 22, 1888, The Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the North P anty-vania Rairroad Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 407 WALNUT S reet. Philadelphia, on MUNDAY, the eleventh day of January, 1869, at 12 o'clock M., for the purpose of electing a President and Ten Directors to serve for the county of the count 12 29 111 ED WARD ARMSTRONG, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE SECOND AND THIRD STREETS PASSENGER RAILWAY COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA, No. 2463 FRANK-FORD Road, Philadelphia, December 23, 1868.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Company will be held at their office on MONDAY, 11th January, 1869, at 12 o'clock M., at which time and place an election will be held for a President and twelve Directors to serve for the equing year.

The transfer books will be closed from the 1st to the 1st banuary, 1899, The transfer books 18th January, 1859, JOHN B. CRAVEN, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE GREEN AND OFFICE OF THE GREEN AND COATESISTREETS PHILADELPHIA PASSENGER RELEWAY COMPANY, TWENTY-FOURTH and COATES Stree s.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Company for the Election of President and Directors, to serve for the enabing year, will be held at this Office on MONDAY the 1th day of January, 1869, between the hours of 10 A. M and 12 M.

12 26 135 JOSHUA GARSED, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE UNION PASSENGER RAILWAY OMPANY, TWENTY-THIRD AND BROWN Streets.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28, 1868.

PHILADELP IIA. Dec. 28, 1883.
The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders will be neld at this office on MONDAY. January 11, 1880, at 10 o'clock A. M., at which time and place an election will be held for a President, Vice-President, and five Directors, to serve for the ensuing year.

12 28 12t S. B. CAMPION, Secretary.

OF FICE PHILADELPHIA AND TRENTON RAILROAD COMPANY.
TON RAILROAD COMPANY.
PHILADELPHIA, Dec 23, 1868.
The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders and an Election for tweive Directors for the ensuing year will be held at the Company's Office, No. 224 S. DELAWARE Avenue, ou MONDAY, the 11th day of January. 1869, at 1 P. M.
12 23wimtJii J. MORRELLA Secretary. CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE, NOTICE.—The Semi-annual Interest on the five and six per cent, loans of the City of Phila-delphia due January 1, 1869, will be paid on and

after that date. Loans maturing January, 1869, will be paid on presentation, interest ceasing from date of The ordinance of Councils approved May 9, 868, directing that "all certificates of city loans shall be registered previous to the payment of the interes," will be strictly adhered to at the payment of the interest due January, 1869, to both resident and non-resident loan-holders, JOSEPH N. PEIRSOL, 123 27 City Treasurer.

CAMBRIA IRON COMPANY .- THE CAMBRIA IRON COMPANY.—THE
Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the
Cambria Iron Company will be held at their office,
No. 60 CE ESNUT Street, Philadelphia, on TUKDAY, the 19th day of JANUARY next, at 4 o'clock
P. M., when an election will be held for seven Directors to serve for the ensuing year.

JOHN T. KILLE, Secretary.

Philadelphia, Dec. 17, 1868.

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GIRARD NATIONAL BANK. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 8, 186 i.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockhoiders for the election of Directors and for other purposes will be held at the Banklog House on WEDNESDAY, the 18th day of JANUARY, 1869, at 12 o'clock M.

The election will take place between the hours of and 2 P. M. W. L. SCHAFFER

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THE ANTURE PHILADELPHIA. December 11, 1'68.
The Anrual Election to Di ectors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House on WEDNESDAY, the Is hely of Janua y next, between the hours of It o'clock A. M. and 2 o'c ock P. M.

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W. RUSHTON, JR., Cashler

SOUTHWARK NATIONAL BANK. The Annual Election for Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House on TUESDAY, Javary 12 1889, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 12 o'clock M. P. LAMB, 12 168401.112

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8. B. KINGSTON, General Freight Agent. Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

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PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24 1868,
The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this
Company, and an election of Directors, will take
place at the Office of the Company, in WILMINGTON, I clawa e, on the SECOND MONDAY (11th) in
January pext, at 1 P. M

A. HORNER, Secretary.

THE PHILADELPHIA, WILMING-TON, AND BALTIMORE RAILROAD COM-PANY, Philadeaphia, Dec. 24, 1868. The Directors nave deciared a Dividend of FOUR PER CENT. on the Capital Stock of the Company, clear of Government Tax, payable on and after 7th of January next. A. HORNER. THE FAME INSURANCE COMPANY

OF PHILADELPHIA, Office No. 406 CHES OF PHILADELPHIA, Office No. 496 CRES-NOT SETECT, DECEMBER 26 1868
NOTICE—The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the THE FAMW INSURANCE COMPANY will be held on MONDAY, the lith day of January next, at to o'clock A. M., at the office of the Company. An election for twelve directors, to serve the en-suing year, will be held on the same day and at the same place, between the hours of 19 o'clock A. M. and 2 o'clock P. M.

MILLIAMS I. BLANCHARD.

Secretary.

INSURANCE COMPANY OF THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

An Election for thirteen Directors of the Company will be neid at the Office of the Company. Nos. 4 and 5 ENCHANGE BUILDING, on MONDAY, Jacuary 11, 1889, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 1 o'clock P. M.

WILLIAM HARPER, 12 29 121\*

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rusty.

Bul. Rusty! You mean they are going to seed!
Som. Well, then, seedy, if that suits you better.
Bill. Now, Sam, you don't mean to tell me you have had those only six months? They look ten years old, at least.
Som. William, my boy, I haven't had 'em six months yet. Bill. Now, tell a body, Sam, Where did you

Bill. Now, tell a body, Sam, Where did you get 'em, and what did you pay?

Som. Well, fact is, I got 'em cheap; paid only \$30 for the whole rig. Bot 'em at Sacry, Fice & Co.'s, I think the name was.

Bill Sacry! Fice! You were sacrificed, Sam. Why, that's more than I paid for mine.

Som. No. Bill, you're fooling. Facse fellows sold they were cheaper than anywhere else on earth. earth. Yes, or in the moon, either. All moon-

Bill. Yes, or in the moon, either. All moonshine, Sammy; every bit of it.

Sam. Now, tell us about yours, Bill.

Bill. Well, Samuel, if you must know, this whole suit cost me only \$28,

Sam. Why, I reckon I was sold! Where did you get 'em, William?

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